

## JOHN ABEL GOES TO THE FRONT; VERY CLOSE RACE ALL AROUND

Miss Alberta Neal of Caledonia Takes the Lead for the Ladies—Bad Weather Does not Interfere with the Contest—Get Busy if You Want to Stay in.

The following vote cast up to six p. m., Friday.

### LADIES LIST

Miss Alberta Neal, Pythian Sisters Caledonia	9241
Mrs. Sarah W. Cusick, Catholic Ladies of Ohio	7222
Mrs. T. J. Davies, Tribe of Ben Hur	6806
Mrs. Charles Wayland, Ladies of the Maccabees	6473
Mrs. Victor Jump, Protected Home Circle No. 184	4215
Mrs. Jacob Weber, Companions of Foresters	2039

### GENTLE MEN

John Abel, Eagles	15,184
Joseph Shaw, B. P. O. E.	19,560
Lee Swick, Canby Lodge No. 51, K. of P.	9262
W. C. Luelien, Kosciusko Lodge No. 68 Old Fellows	7,332
Harvey T. Davis, A. I. U.	4,121
George Hagemann, Wayside Lodge No. 864 Old Fellows	1,521
Fred Wilson, Marion Base Ball Club	322
Clarence H. Galleher, Jr., O. U. A. M.	265
Otto Weist, Woodmen of the World	161
Harry Mason, Y. M. C. A.	130

Friday was a hot, sticky, rainy day, but it had no effect on the contest. The returns were good and the voting fair.

Miss Alberta Neal, Pythian Sisters of Caledonia, carried off the voting honors of the day and jumped from third to first place with a good plurality over Mrs. Cusick. Mrs. T. J. Davies moved up a step from fourth place to third place and is giving Mrs. Cusick a race for second position. Mrs. Victor Jump also received a good vote, but still retains the same position. The other ladies received fair support.

The voting honors of the day went to John Abel, the Eagle hunter. He is right at the 15,000 mark. The Contest Editor's prediction that he would move up the line rapidly is being verified. It proves what a determined worker can do.

The next best supported candidate was Joe Shaw, of the Elks, who received a good vote and has crossed the 10,000 mark. The other gentlemen are closely bunched and running like stake horses. There are others down the line with something worth while in cold storage.

**SPECIAL PRIZE WINNERS.**  
Miss Alberta Neal, of Caledonia, won the special prize offered by the John Stoll Shoe Company—a \$4.00 pair of shoes—for the largest vote cast during the week. Miss Neal's vote for the week was 6,020. Mrs. Cusick received the second largest vote, 4,075. Mrs. Davies was third, her vote being 3,754.

The gentlemen's prize offered by I. Marx & Son—the best hat in the store—was won by John Abel with a vote of 7,189. Mr. Shaw received 3,960 votes.

Once again it's Alberta Neal, of Caledonia, as the leader. This Pythian Sister candidate is most assuredly a headliner in the great contest. Her support is of the right kind and increasing rapidly. The Marion contestants have got to do some heavy work to defeat the lady from Caledonia who won the special prize this week.

### GOOD VOTING TODAY.

Nothing sensational is expected in a voting way today by the leaders at least, who are getting secretive and piling up votes for the big battle of July 29. Those not busy in earnest had better beware, for there is going to be things doing on that great day long to be remembered in Marion. Mark this prediction well, for it's true as fate.

### IS YOUR LODGE SUPPORTING YOU?

Is the organization you are representing supporting you as a body? It is not a very live or progressive organization if not. You ought to have its endorsement, and also a committee should be appointed to work in your interest from now until the

contest closes. You are not making this race for any personal honor, prizes or glory, except what would be shared by your order. You are supposed to be in this contest as the most available member to represent your lodge. While, of course, you are going to work hard, you ought to be helped by every member of your lodge or order. Put it up to them strong and tell them not to delay the matter further, but to begin at once to help you make a winning fight if possible. In the meantime, don't neglect to land every subscription possible.

### COME OR SEND IN YOUR SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Marion is a large city and covers a vast area. It is almost impossible for contestants to see personally every lodge brother or sister, or even close friends, before the contest closes. Of course, you mean to pay your subscription or subscribe to The Mirror to give them the votes. When down town, why not come in person and pay and secure the votes and either vote them when you pay your subscription or present them to your favorite. If you can't come, you can send or mail your subscription to Contest Editor, care The Mirror, and your subscription receipt and voting certificate will be sent you. If you knew how your favorite contestant would appreciate your voluntary action in this matter, you would hurry to delightfully surprise him or her.

### SIZE IT UP PROPERLY.

Don't make the fatal mistake of undersizing the contest. Your good sense ought to tell you that it's a very large affair, and, as such, the honor of winning any of the prizes is worth devoting all your time to. Marion never had a contest that could hold a candle to this one, and if you win first or second prize you will be greatly surprised at the prestige that will fall to your lot.

### THE PRIZES OFFERED

**GRAND SPECIAL PRIZE**—To the organization whose candidate receives the largest number of votes, a magnificent Sterling Player piano guaranteed value \$750. On display at G. W. Baker's music store.

**LADIES' FIRST PRIZE**—The lady who receives the largest number of votes will be given a magnificent pure white diamond solitaire set in latest Tiffany setting, guaranteed value \$200. Purchased from and on display at G. W. Bowers' South Main street.

**LADIES' SECOND PRIZE**—The lady receiving the second largest vote cast will be given a pure white solitaire diamond in latest Tiffany ring setting, value \$100. Purchased from and on display at C. E. Burris', West Center street.

### GENTLEMEN'S FIRST PRIZE

### LADY'S BALLOT

You can vote for yourself if you wish.

ONE VOTE FOR

Name of Organization.

IN THE MARION MIRROR DIAMOND CONTEST

Contest Closes July 29.

VOID AFTER JULY 25.

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### GENTLEMAN'S BALLOT

You can vote for yourself if you wish

ONE VOTE FOR

Name of Organization.]

IN THE MARION MIRROR DIAMOND CONTEST

Contest Closes July 29.

VOID AFTER JULY 25.

To the gentleman receiving the largest vote cast will be given a pure white solitaire diamond in tooth Belcher setting, guaranteed value \$200. Purchased from and on display at Nelson & Sons, East Center street.

**GENTLEMEN'S SECOND PRIZE**—The gentleman receiving the second largest vote will receive a pure white solitaire diamond in Belcher setting, guaranteed value \$100. Purchased from and on display at C. E. Burris, West Center street.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Candidates must be members of a regularly organized lodge, club, church, labor, literary or social organization.

The voting will be by ballots clipped from the Mirror and voting certificates issued with paid-in-advance subscriptions to the Mirror. Each ballot clipped from the paper will count one vote for the woman or man named thereon when received at the office before date of

### NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Daily Mirror 10 weeks by carrier	\$1.00	300 votes
Daily Mirror 15 weeks by carrier	\$1.50	500 votes
Daily Mirror 26 weeks by carrier	\$2.50	1000 votes
Daily Mirror 1 year by carrier	\$5.00	2500 votes
Daily Mirror 4 months by mail	\$1.00	300 votes
Daily Mirror 6 months by mail	\$1.50	500 votes
Daily Mirror 1 year by mail	\$3.00	1000 votes
Weekly Mirror 1 year	\$1.00	300 votes

### OLD SUBSCRIPTIONS OR RENEWALS.

Daily Mirror 10 weeks by carrier	\$1.00	150 votes
Daily Mirror 15 weeks by carrier	\$1.50	250 votes
Daily Mirror 26 weeks by carrier	\$2.50	500 votes
Daily Mirror 1 year by carrier	\$5.00	1250 votes
Daily Mirror 4 months by mail	\$1.00	150 votes
Daily Mirror 6 months by mail	\$1.50	250 votes
Daily Mirror 1 year by mail	\$3.00	500 votes
Weekly Mirror 1 year by mail	\$1.00	150 votes

### MUSIC HATH CHARMS.

Manage to Render "The Maiden's Prayer" in Spite of All.

Louis James, the veteran player, relates a story of the early days of his career when he was a member of a "fly-by-night" combination doing melodrama in the small towns of the West.

The eubrette of this company possessed, in addition to her histrionic abilities, considerable skill as a pianist. For a long time the young woman had been desirous of affording the audiences some example of her musical genius, a desire that was finally gratified in an ingenious manner.

One evening in Dubuque the audience was somewhat surprised, at the rise of the curtain to behold a splendid grand piano placed at the foot of a huge mountain, the scene being the Rockies.

From the flies and down the steep path of the mountain the eubrette sped, with all the haste of one pursued. At the base of the mountain she paused for breath. Then with a start, observing the instrument, she stopped as if enraptured. Clapping her hands in ecstasy, the eubrette declared herself of the following kind:

"The fiendish savages have killed my parents and my only brother; they have burned our cottage and stolen our cattle; but, heaven be praised, they have spared my piano! music shall be my consolation. And now, ladies and gentlemen, with your kind permission I shall render that beautiful selection entitled 'The Maiden's Prayer.'—Harper's Weekly.

### SLAVES IN MASSACHUSETTS.

The Old House in Which They Were Sold in Town of Hanover.

A relic of slavery days in New England in the middle of the eighteenth century, the old Tilden house on Winter street, West Hanover, the only house in that town where slaves were kept for market, is now being demolished.

The house is one of the best known landmarks in Plymouth county and has stood for nearly 200 years. It was used as a tavern in its early days and later for a residence. Of recent years it has been abandoned to the elements and has rapidly fallen into decay.

No one knows the exact date of the building of the house, but historians agree that it was long before the incorporation of the town of Hanover in 1727.

The Hon. Jedediah Dwyer of North Hanover, who has spent much time in gathering facts concerning the early history of the town, says: "While there was more or less buying and selling of slaves in the middle of the eighteenth century nearly all the wealthy families owned one or more; this probably was the only place where the traffic was carried on for revenue. I have seen two bills of slaves sold from this house. One was from Job Tilden to a Mr. Bailey of Seitate, a negro child named Morrow, 9 years of age, of good bodily health and a kind disposition."

One of Mr. Tilden's slaves named Cuffee served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and according to an old payroll he was stationed at Hull, March 1, 1777. He was with Col. Bailey and died at Valley Forge. He was known as Cuffee Tilden, and was so described on the printed rolls.

The books of the First Congregational Church of Hanover record the marriage by the Rev. Benjamin Bass on February 8, 1751, of Jack and Bajah, servants owned by Job Tilden, and also the death of a negro boy owned by Job Tilden, February 12, 1750.

There are many other brief records of slaves kept in different families in Hanover.

## IN WASHINGTON SOCIETY

Official Rules Prevent Possible Contingencies

### FOR THE RANK AND FILE

Dinner Invitations to the White House—There is no Appearance of Ceremony Yet Everybody's Place is so Fixed That Nobody Can Feel Embarrassed

One of the peculiarities of life in Washington is the existence of official rules which arrange everybody's place.

In spite of an air of great simplicity the most complicated arrangements go smoothly because every possible contingency has been provided for, says the Rosary Magazine. This is in no place more evident than at the White House.

At the state receptions the order of precedence is regulated by the law of presidential succession passed under Mr. Cleveland's administration. The president, of course, is first. After him comes the vice president. After this the chief justice ranks all officials of the United States.

The vice president being "their apparent," he precedes at social official functions the ambassadors and ministers. On New Year's day the diplomatic corps is always received first by the president.

There is an opinion abroad that the chief justice should rank over an ambassador but this does not seem to be gaining ground, though at times there are hot controversies over it.

The chief justice and the judiciary rank cabinet officials; but they are not expected to stand in the line at state receptions at the White House. This is the prerogative of the cabinet.

The newspapers sometimes give the impression that all these questions of precedence are the affair of the ladies as all matters of etiquette are in American cities generally. This is erroneous. A chief justice himself, a general of the army, an admiral of the navy would make it a matter for serious consideration were his place taken by another.

Here the governor of a state, by the way, comes after a general in the army or an admiral in the navy.

The diplomats represent their nations, and by courtesy they precede in all countries. The precedence of an ambassador or minister is not a personal matter; he considers the dignity of his sovereign or his country. So careful are the diplomats—the heads of embassies or legations—that they may without offense inquire of a hostess when they accept an invitation where they are to be placed. If there is to be a guest of honor from the country of the ambassador or minister he must not have the place of honor—the right hand of the hostess—unless he is of the royal family.

The wives of the ambassadors and ministers take the rank of their husbands. And naturally if a woman—a widow, for instance—should give a dinner, the ambassador's wife should be taken in to dinner by the most important man in rank. The host takes in the wife of the ambassador and the hostess the ambassador.

At dinners given by diplomats there is no record that the vice president and the secretary of state have been invited at the same time. The reason is that the secretary of state is constantly in close relations with the diplomatic corps, and a sentiment of delicacy forbids the invitation of the secretary to a dinner where he would be ranked by the vice president, with whom the diplomats have scant personal relations.

The president does not accept invitations to dinner or receptions in the houses of the foreign diplomats. If he should do so he would—in theory, though many of the diplomatic houses are in reality owned by Americans—set foot on alien territory.

The rules for dinners at the White house are so simple and exact that there is never a break in the comfort of the guests. A chair in the hands of an aid shows where a guest is to sit and he is carefully informed by another aid whom he is to take in to dinner. The president occupies at the state dinners the middle seat at one side of the table, his wife being opposite to him; she, of course, giving the signal to rise when the dinner is over.

Official and diplomatic etiquette make punctuality a common virtue in Washington. At 8 o'clock, when a dinner is announced for that hour no guest will be absent. At 10:30 every guest will have departed.

### No Seat, No Pay.

Each member of the "Slyap Hangers' League," whose slogan is "No seat, no pay," wears a red button, and since the movement was begun, a few days ago, the badge of courage, of course, have become very numerous. Clashes between league members and street car crews are frequent but the former are so well backed up by sympathizers that they generally emerge victorious.

Many of the conductors of the city railways virtually gave up the fight today and made no attempt to collect fares from wearers of the red button, who refused to pay for the privilege of hanging to the outside of the car.

## BEAUTIES OF THE BLACK ROD.

He is the King's Messenger, Yet Doors are Slammed in His Face.

Black Rod is perhaps the most picturesque functionary of Parliament. His titles are Chief of All the Ushers of England and Custodian of the Doors of the High Court called Parliament. As such he sits in a box to the right of the bar in the House of Lords and controls the admission of strangers.

But his chief title is Messenger of the Sovereign. When the King appears in the House of Lords the members of both chambers must be present. In his capacity as royal messenger Black Rod has to go and summon the Commons.

As he walks through the lobbies one of his ushers heralds his approach with cries of "Black Rod! Way for Black Rod!" Yet it would seem from his reception at the door of the lower chamber that he is regarded there with hostility.

The moment he is heard coming, the sergeant at arms springs from his chair, which is close to the main entrance to the chamber, and, rushing to the open door, not only closes it with an inextinguishable clang in the very face of Black Rod, but proceeds securely to bolt it. Presently three faint knocks are heard. The sergeant-at-arms peers into the lobby through a grated peephole with a wooden slot in the stout oaken door and sees Black Rod.

According to the program not a word is spoken. All that is heard is the subdued knocking at the portal. That soft and humble request is irresistible, and at a nod from the Speaker the door is flung open by the sergeant-at-arms and in walks the King's messenger.

The post of Black Rod, it must be explained, is in the personal gift of the King. It is invariably bestowed on old naval or military officers, a sailor and a soldier alternately enjoying its dignity and emoluments. The Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod gets £1,000 a year, and he has a deputy known as Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod, whose salary is £500.

But whether he be a soldier or a sailor, Black Rod is not a very formidable looking person as he is seen on his visits to the House of Commons. On occasions of state he dons his full military of naval "fig." When he comes to summon the commons he wears his official dress—a black cut-away tunic, knee breeches, silk stockings, and silver buckled shoes.

There is not the faintest suggestion of aggressiveness in his appearance, notwithstanding the sword that dangles by his side, and the short ebony rod of office, surmounted by a golden lion rampant, which he carries in his hand. His message, too, is absolutely blameless.

When the door of the House of Commons is opened to him, the loud voiced usher preceding him stands at the bar and cries: "Black Rod!" If there be any business in hand it is at once interrupted. The Speaker respectfully rises to receive the message of the sovereign. Members retain their seats, but uncover.

Black Rod advances slowly to the table with solemn mien, as if to show

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that he is becoming impressed by the dignity and sanctity of the chamber. He further manifests his awe by making three low abdications to the chair. On reaching the table, he simply says: "The Lord's Commissioners desire the immediate attendance of this honorable House in the House of Peers."

When the King is personally present in the House of Lords the message which Black Rod delivers to the Commons is more peremptory worded. It runs: "The King commands this honorable House to attend his Majesty immediately in the House of Peers to hear the King's speech read."

Having thus said what he was sent to say, Black Rod retires respectfully backward, bowing as he goes, to the bar, where he awaits the Speaker, and escorts him, followed by the Ministers and others of the Commons, to the House of Lords. Sometimes so awestruck is Black Rod in the presence of the mighty Commons that he forgets even the words of his short and simple and innocent message.

There was the case of Gen. Sir Michael Biddulph, K. A. He was a brilliant soldier. He served through the Crimean campaign with great distinction. For his gallant services at the occupation of Candahar in the Afghan war he received the thanks of both houses of Parliament. Yet I have seen this great soldier shaking with nervousness when, as Black Rod, he stood at the table to deliver the presence of the Commons in the House of Peers.

What then is the meaning of this hostile banging of the door of the House of Commons in Black Rod's in-offensive face? Why must the King's messenger humbly knock three times for admission and wait submissively on the mat outside until the representatives of the people decide to open their doors unto him.

We find in this most interesting spectacle a demonstration of the right of the representatives of the people to conduct their deliberations in secret, should they deem it necessary, to shut their doors, especially against messengers of sovereigns or peers, and also a declaration that no stranger, low or high, dare enter their chamber without permission, humbly asked and expressly granted.

### CURING AN EVIL.

New York courts now send the record-breaking chauffeurs to jail, and the millionaire owners find the operation of getting them off by paying their fines sadly limited in its effectiveness. When New York and other cities that might be mentioned send the owners themselves to jail the speed regulations will be observed.

## A SPECIAL PRIZE FOR THE LARGEST VOTE CAST.

Between July 11 and July 18, in the Mirror's Fraternal Contest.

We will give choice of any Hat in the store to the gentleman securing the largest number of votes during the above dates.

Gentleman—We have the biggest assortment of snappy, up-to-date Hats, shown in the city.

Advance shipment of new styles in the following grades: Howard \$3.00, Reliable \$2.00, Wearwell \$1.50.

## I. MARX & SONS.

## A SPECIAL PRIZE FOR THE LARGEST VOTE CAST.

Between July 11 and July 18, in the Mirror's Fraternal Contest.

We will give a pair of \$1.00 shoes or oxfords to the lady securing the largest number of votes during the above dates.

### LADIES—

We are showing the Lounsbury & Mathewson oxford in hand turn & welt at \$4.00.

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The "Sanitorium" a shoe that embraces the great qualities for comfort.

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